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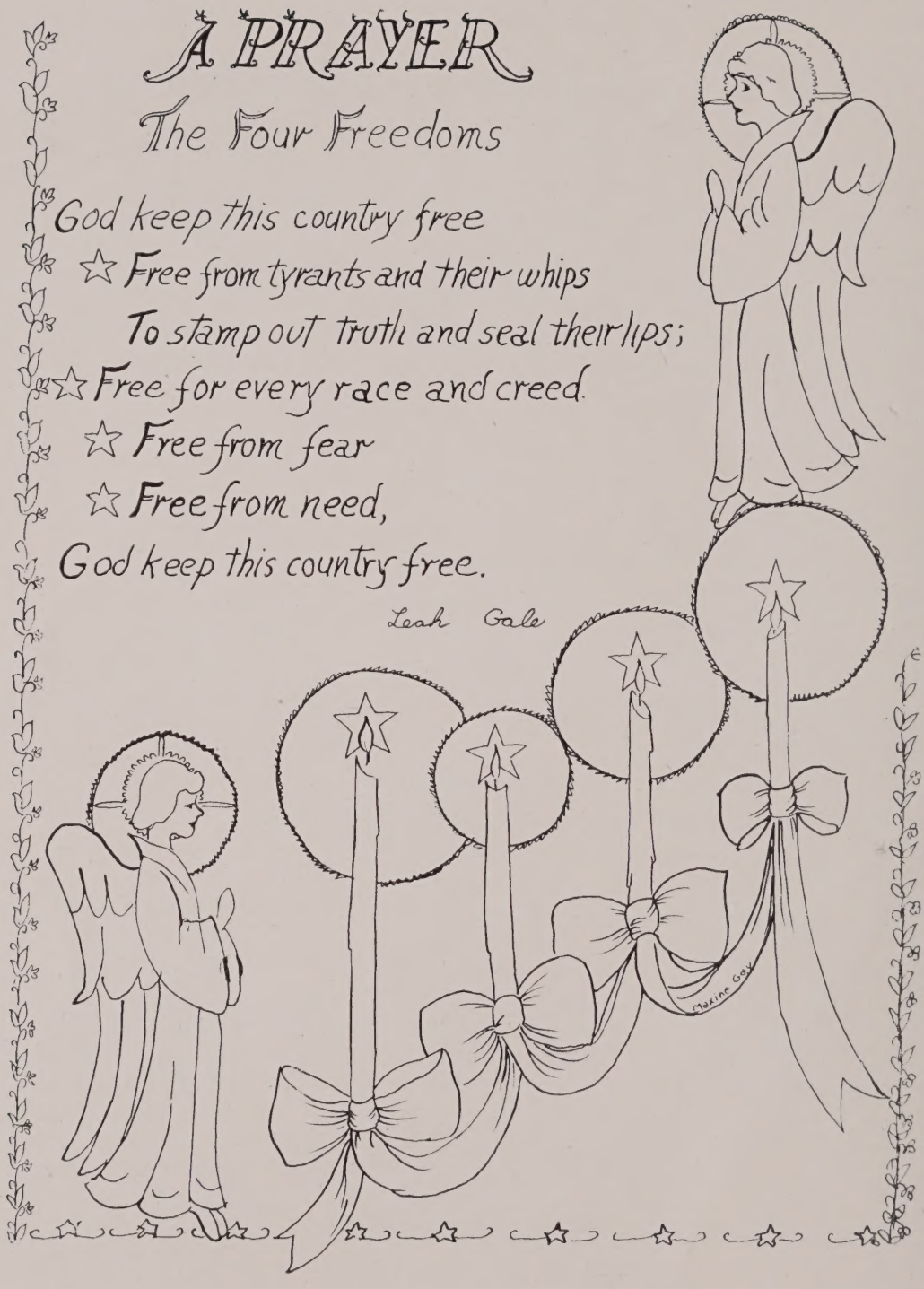
The Four Freedoms

God keep this country free
☆ Free from tyrants and their whips
To stamp out truth and seal their lips;
☆ Free for every race and creed
☆ Free from fear
☆ Free from need,
God keep this country free.

Leah Gale



THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

What is the spirit of Christmas? Is it the Christmas shopping, the pushing and shoving and rushing, the crowded stores and the weary clerks, the gay advertisements everywhere? Is that the spirit of Christmas? Is it the Christmas Dinner, and all the relatives gathered 'round? Is it the cards and gifts, the elaborate tree — almost symbolic of this festive season? Is it the quiet nights, the hymns we sing, and the silent prayers for those who are dear to us? What is the spirit of Christmas?

In the Christmas season of 1943, we are at last beginning to realize the real meaning of Christmas. To a certain extent it's a combination of the crowded stores, the relatives, the gifts, and the tree. But more than that, it's the spirit of Christ. It's the hymns and the prayers. It's giving to make others happy.

It is represented in the War Chest, the Red Cross, and all worthy organizations. We can't just sit back and be content any more — not while our country and countries all over the world are at war. We can't be complacent while Chinese and Polish and Russians are starving. We've got to help now while our help is needed.

Louise Arsenault, '46

SPIRIT FOR VICTORY

Compared with the English people, we Americans have not experienced real war. True, our boys are fighting and dying in foreign lands, while everyone back home is working and saving for victory. But the English people have been fighting now for nearly four years, experiencing real war. They've seen their homes bombed, their children sent far away, the ancient buildings of past ages (the pride of every Britain) utterly destroyed. Yet, despite the horror and terror of the past years the English people have retained their "bulldog" spirit that they can not and will not be defeated. Just to give you an idea of the average English life today, I'd like to quote from some letters I've received from a young Britisher with whom I am corresponding.

In one letter he writes about waste materials: "I hope you will excuse this awful paper I am using, for good writing paper is another thing we can't get now. Just in case you are interested, it has been made from old salvage paper. We have to save all rags, rubber, bones, and paper to help the war effort. It is even against the law to throw away a bus ticket now!"

This next item really shocked me.

"Talking of raising money, have you heard what can be done with a lemon over here? Three hundred seventy-five pounds were raised for the Red Cross when one was sold by auction. Another lady charged two pennies to *smell* a lemon in order to

raise funds for the Aid to Russia. I have not seen a lemon for nearly three years! They are so scarce."

Last June I wrote about all the luscious strawberries around here. To this he replied: "You make my mouth water, writing about strawberries. We haven't had many here this year, but such things will return with victory; so for now we will have to continue with plainer food."

In his last letter he wrote about clothes rationing.

"Can you get plenty of clothes? Over here things are difficult. We are all waiting for the next issue of clothing coupons which is due at the end of next month (September). We only get twenty to last six months, and out of my ration I want eighteen for a new winter coat. That means I'll have two left. They might do for a pair of socks. Men's shoes have just gone up from seven to nine coupons. Thank goodness I don't need any new ones yet. However, why worry? Other people are much worse off than we are."

Yes, that last sentence seems to be the motto of the English.

I always look forward to a letter from Reg. It usually contains some small item which makes me stop and think how little we know about actual warfare.

Jean Blackburn, '44

CHRISTMAS AND WAR

Christmas, a day of prayer and rejoicing, will be different this year in many lands.

Germany, where "Silent Night," a beautiful hymn, was first written, is silent no more. Instead, the night is filled with the crack of guns, with harsh commands, with blood curdling screams of tortured men, with the weeping of women, and with the presence of murder.

England, where the ringing church bells and the voices of carolers were heard, is also changed. Now the shrieking of air raid sirens and bursting of bombs fill the air. Yet, in the dingy air raid shelter, the spirit of Christmas prevails. The people sing and pray in hushed tones and the fragrant odors of evergreens, gathered by the children during the day, lighten their hearts.

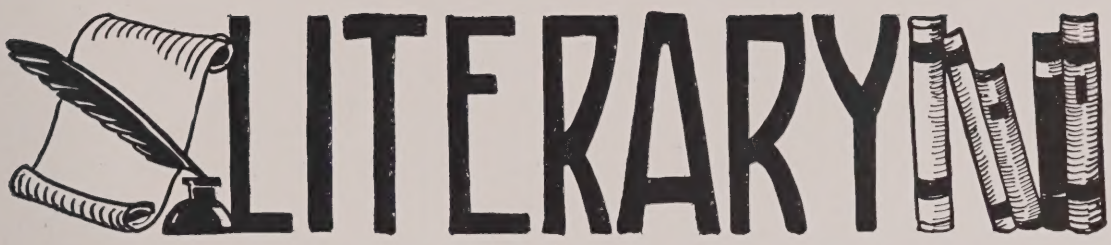
And in America? The customs are still the same, but somehow, something is different. It is not only different because of the absence of some relative or friend, but because of the attitude of the people. They no longer wish to receive silly presents but they want the most precious presents of all. They want peace, happiness, freedom, and faith in God.

Virginia Richings, '48

BACK THE ATTACK

Our fight started on the seventh of December,
That's a date we should all remember.
Everyone wants this war to end,
So do your part and help our men!
Take a pencil and a pen,
Send a letter now and then.
So come on, everyone, lend your money,
And this world will again be sunny.
Peace time, we hope, will soon be here.
Come let's help to bring good cheer!
Just back the attack with bonds and stamps.
That will help to expel those "tramps."
Do your bit by closing your lip.
This will help to save a ship.
If you want this war to stop,
Buy War Bonds and buy a lot!

Paul Brissette, '49



CHRISTMAS IN POLAND

I'm thinking of my native Poland this Christmas and wondering.

Like so many other conquered nations, Poland will also try to observe the day in solemn prayer, this the fourth Christmas under the enemy's control. Four years seem to me a very long time to be without Christmas trees and packages and Christmas Eve dinner. Most important of all, there probably will not be any people going to church to worship God on this holy day.

I remember what a wonderful feeling it was to trudge to church on Christmas morning through the deep snow and to spend the whole day singing carols by the Christmas tree.

In our little village the tree and the presents were brought out as a surprise on Christmas Eve. We were made to believe that angels brought us the presents. (Santa Claus does not come on Christmas, but earlier in the month, as he is busy with other children on Christmas.) On the gayest of evenings we would gather in groups and eat our delicious dinner together after which we would stand around the Christmas tree to sing carols.

The presents were always a great joy to us, but the Christmas tree itself was what made this holiday so outstanding. The tree was decorated with homemade colorful trimmings such as chains, angels, sparkling snow, and many other ornaments. We also had candies and cookies wrapped in glittering papers. Candles glimmered through the snow. I think that the American children miss a lot by having electric bulbs and manufactured decorations. The fun in having a Christmas tree was that we made the decorations ourselves and trimmed it ourselves without worrying about electric fuses.

The day after Christmas we also observed as a holiday. Then we went to church and brought chalk with us for the priest to bless. When we came home, we would write the name of the Three Kings on the door to help bring good luck to the people living in the house.

That same day the poorer children would go from house to house singing carols for which they would be given offerings in money or food. It was such fun to have different children singing all day.

Someday soon we hope Poland and other nations will have a Christmas just the way it used to be, when people will have Christmas trees and presents, when they will have food, clothes, and a roof over their heads, and where no enemy will strut through the streets or shuffle through the ashes of their crops.

Maxine Gaj, '46

MAGIC AS A HOBBY

People stare with awe and wonder when the mysteries of magic are presented. When they hear the word "magic," it does not mean much, but to see black art and spiritualism in the act leaves people with a mind full of questions. A quick motion, a deceptive move, an unseen grimace, and an attractive patter will leave the audience bewildered and amazed. An illusion or a sleight-of-hand move makes the word "magic" seem baffling.

Although magic is in reality not very difficult to perform, it takes a small sum of money to procure the necessary apparatus. Apparatus work can be done by anyone without much practice, while manipulation and sleight-of-hand require deft skill and much practice. One of the leading magicians of today once required twelve years to bring one act to perfection and then performed it in twelve minutes. Magic is a very interesting and profitable hobby which many people don't undertake because they think it requires too much practice and money. This is not true for anyone who is really interested in it. Magic tricks are kept expensive in order to prevent everybody buying them and thus exposing the secrets of "magic."

Henry Dickinson, '47

A teacher called on a pupil to give his current event for the week. She told him he would be marked on his ease at facing an audience, also on enunciation. After she had watched him fidget nervously for a few minutes, she told him to try watching himself in a mirror. Looking up, the boy innocently said, "I tried, but I could not stand it!"

TODAY I AM A MAN

Although I am only fifteen years old, eleven days ago I became an uncle and smoked my first cigar. The cigar, by the way, was forced on me by my brother, the proud father. Since this was my first cigar, I coughed and sputtered until I finally finished. And when dinner rolled around, I found that the fried chicken didn't taste very much like fried chicken. I tried to act natural while eating. When every now and then my brother laughingly asked how I felt, I told him that I felt fine. But later on, behind the garage, I lost my fried chicken and continued to feel very ill for the remainder of the day.

But now as I sit in the classroom and think it over, I believe that it was worth it to become an uncle.

Robert Backstrom, '46

I CAN'T DO IT

"I can't do it" is a very stupid expression. Yet, we have all said it at some time. Lately, since I have more-or-less rid myself of the habit, I have come to think that "I can't do it" is merely a shabby coat for cowardice or indolence. When something is assigned to us that is out of the ordinary, it is easy to say, "That is impossible. I can't do it," and give up before even attempting the job. How much harder it is to settle down and study or work conscientiously until the job is done. How much harder, but how great is the reward! As a child, I was constantly told the story of the two trains that started up a steep incline. One puffed, "I think I can't; I think I can't," the other, "I know I can; I know I can." One can easily see the motive of this little anecdote. If we are to be successful in life, we must attempt each new task with hope and vigor.

Gloria Aldrich, '44

THAT YOUNGER GENERATION

You can spot her in any crowd; her hair has been faithfully brushed to shining perfection, and her laughing mouth is carefully outlined with the right shade of her favorite lipstick. That long tweed jacket, which appears to have been snatched off a boy's back, belonged to her older brother, the tall blond who joined the Navy. Rain or shine, she wears the same tattle-tale gray trench coat and comfortable saddleshoes which look as if they have "seen the world." Although her vocabulary consists largely of slang, her pals understand her. She's your brother's girl friend, the girl around the corner, a typical high school student.

Living in a world of swing music, pint-sized editions of college men, thrilling football games, and dreams of carefree week-ends, she might seem to adults to be "butterfly brained" and careless of the world's tumultuous state, but she knows she must have her fun now, while she's comparatively untouched by the war. Her brother is somewhere fighting, protecting her right to sing the song about a flag that makes shivers of pride race up and down her spine; and the boys with whom she goes to "Vic" dances, basketball games, and the movies, are too soon going to trade in their corduroy jackets and tweed slacks for navy blue or khaki uniforms. Next year, or the year after, she'll be working or going to college to prepare for helping to make a better world in the future. So, today, let her and her girl friends giggle and shriek over the occurrences funny to them only; let her go square dancing and prom trotting; let her scream her high school's team to victory. She's working and studying too, and she will be a loyal, intelligent citizen tomorrow.

Beatrice Stratton, '44

MY FIRST DATE

A first date is an occasion no one forgets and mine certainly was no exception.

After rallying up my factors of courage, I proceeded up the steps of the brick bungalow. It took every ounce of energy I could muster to press the door bell. Simultaneously the door swung open, and there before me was Anne's father clad in shirtsleeves, pipe in mouth, and paper in hand. I was petrified!

"Yes?" he said.

"Uh, hu, eh, I wonder if uh, eh, Anne would care to go for a ride with me?" I muttered.

"Come in," said Mr. Lee.

I clumsily crossed the threshold and meekly took my stand in front of the fireplace.

"I'll call Anne," he said as he left the room, "Make yourself at home."

"Uh, eh, ah, thank you, sir," I replied. I proceeded to examine the inevitable "family album," which can always be found in the vicinity of the library table. Gee, but Anne was a beautiful baby.

Anne entered the room with a bright "Hello."

"Hi," I replied. My confidence increased by leaps and bounds.

"I would love to go for a ride with you," she said.

We left the house and then I helped her into my vehicle. I got in behind the steering wheel and we were off.

I was speeding down Gallows Hill, the steepest incline in the district, when suddenly a wheel came off, and we skidded into a fire hydrant.

When I took Anne home and related the accident, her father, viewing Anne's bruised arm, said I had better not take her for any more rides.

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MY FIRST DATE

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After I got home, I received a severe scolding from my parents, who had heard of the incident. I then was declined the use of my vehicle for two months. (It proved to be two weeks.)

Imagine, a grown man of six years, unable to operate his own wagon for two weeks. Outrageous!

Frank Caroleo, '44

A NEW ENGLAND HILL IN WINTER

I like December. The mornings are crisp and cool.

After a light snow, your foot steps squeak and crunch as you walk across the field, jumping in drifts and racing over the wind-swept, brown meadow grass.

Once over the pasture fence, you can hear the brook bumping over the mossy stones and peeking and spattering up through the ice on the sunny side. It curves around the hill and under a few logs which remain of last summer's bridge. There are a few deer tracks which grow wider and wider, showing that the animal was running.

It is colder under the heavy trees. A little breeze blows snow from their branches like a snow squawl. The dry leaves on the oaks rattle, and sometimes a squirrel will chatter on a branch and run from you very fast. The small bushes just show above the snow. Rabbit tracks are found easily near them. The fence rails look twice as large with so much snow frosting on them. The snow glistens in the sun and makes our hill like fairy land.

Allen Chamberlain, '49

CHRISTMAS EVE

What a pleasure it is to walk through a small country village on Christmas Eve! The candles in the windows and the sprigs of holly on the door of each house signify the coming of the holiday. In every house a Christmas tree lit up with colored lights can be seen through the windows. Diamond blue stars dance silently in the sky, and snow blankets the earth as it sleeps on this heavenly night. All living things are asleep. As the night progresses, the lights in each house gradually go out and soon the only light comes from the stars above. Suddenly the silence is broken by the village clock as it tolls out the hours. Then, all is quiet again, more so than before, it seems. A person walking out on a night like this forgets his troubles and those of the rest of the world, and he hesitates to return to the place from which he came. It is on such a night I like to be alone or with those I love the most.

Elizabeth LaViolette, '44

WAR ON THE HOME FRONT

Some people do not think the farmer is very important. The farmers work from dawn to dusk so that our boys in the armed forces can be the best fed men in the world. By cultivating that apparently useless land into a field which will produce vegetables, they are helping the war effort tremendously.

Suppose all the farmers in the United States went on a strike as did the coal miners? This situation would cripple the country. Just think how those leaders over in Berlin would sing for joy when they found out that such a thing had happened. Thanks to our faithful farmers, it never will occur.

Donald Campbell, '48

GRANDMA'S CHRISTMAS EVE

Grandma just sits and rocks and rocks and rocks without seeming to know it's Christmas Eve. But Grandma has the calm happiness that comes to one reminiscing over joyful days gone by. She remembers always that Christmas Eve long, long ago when eager young faces were gathered around her, listening with silent rapture to Dicken's unforgetable *Christmas Carol.* There was daring, boisterous Tommy, subdued into silence with the never-tiring story, as he sprawled leisurely on the floor near her chair, and lively little Susan curled contentedly on a cushion near by and gazing adoringly into Grandma's serene, gray eyes with the wistful adoration of a child. On the stool by her feet sat Peter, solemn, steadfast Peter, whom she secretly favored most of all because of his loyalty, strength, and calm manner of leadership. Drowsy Teddy, the baby of them all, lay peacefully in her arms, trying to keep awake until the end of the tale.

A slow smile creeps over Grandma's face as she recalls this most beloved scene. For Grandma lives in the past this Christmas Eve because the present is one great sorrow. You see, Susan was on Bataan as an Army Nurse the last she heard from her, and Tommy is a Fighting Tiger in China. Last but not least is Teddy, a snappy buck-private, not yet touched by the horrors of war. What of Peter? Dear, brave Peter was killed last fall while he was heroically leading his regiment into battle in Europe, but his memory still lingers on in Grandma's mind as she recollects that Christmas Eve of long, long ago.

Marjorie Helfrich, '44

JUST BILL

There's no one in the world like him, and I shall call him Bill. He's so tall. His pleasing smile and wavy brown hair catch your eye as he passes you, or maybe it's his neat appearance and clean cut face that draw your attention. Bill loves sports, especially football. Although his football days are over, he wouldn't miss an Agawam game for the world. He is also fond of traveling, and before rationing days, during the summer on Sundays you would always see him headed for a drive in the country, a day at the beach, or to some new place a friend had told him about. Among the characteristics I admire in Bill are the kindness and thoughtfulness he shows towards everyone. He'd go out of his way to do something for someone if it was in his power. He isn't one of these greedy, high strung persons. He has his serious moments, and yet he's the life of any party. Bill has one pet peeve; it bothers him when people do not appear on time. All his life Bill has made it a rule to be on the "dot," and he just can't understand why others can't do the same. The younger children around Bill's home sit on his doorstep for hours on Sunday afternoons waiting for him to join them in a game of baseball or catch. Yes, I've been very boastful of Bill, but it's just that I'm so proud of him, for Bill is my dad.

Fern Dearnley, '45

MARY OF SCOTLAND *Maxwell Anderson*

Any women should enjoy this drama of the life of Scotland's tragic queen from whom the greedy Elizabeth wrested lover and kingdom.

Beatrice Stratton, '44

MEETING LANNY ROSS

Last year I had a rather amusing encounter with Lanny Ross, the famous singer. While he was playing in person at Court Square Theater, my cousin and I decided that we would like to have his autograph. One night after work, my cousin, a girl with whom she worked, and I all went back stage. Mr. Ross was on stage singing when we arrived. A boy there told us that it would be all right for us to wait for him. We decided to wait until "our hero" went into his dressing room before we bothered him, for we were curious to see how a star's dressing room looked. There was a telephone booth near-by, and all three of us hid inside of it. When we heard footsteps coming down the hall, we were as quiet as mice, hoping that Mr. Ross wouldn't hear us and go to his dressing room. I looked up and to my surprise, there was Mr. Ross looking in at us. You can imagine our embarrassment! First I walked out, then came my cousin, and last of all, her girl friend. Lanny Ross looked very puzzled when he saw all of us march out of that telephone booth. He stuck his head inside the booth, looked around, and finally asked, "Well, are there any more in there?"

After we reassured him that there weren't, I asked him for his autograph. While he was signing our books, I tried to study his features, so that I could remember what he looked like. His back was to the light, and as I recall, all I can remember is an orange blur for his face. I suppose he had a lot of make-up on. What I do remember is that he was tall, had broad shoulders, a very attractive wave in his hair, and beautiful white teeth.

Phyllis Campbell, '46

We Meet the

POSING FOR NORMAN ROCKWELL

My first meeting with Norman Rockwell, the well known artist, was as assistant to the carpenter who did his work. Like all the students in Arlington High School, I had planned to get work to help the manshortage in the summer of 1942. One day the carpenter and I went to the home of Mr. Rockwell to work. Mr. Rockwell met us and showed us into the studio where we saw the picture which he was painting. The title was "Freedom of Speech." Little did this title mean to me then, but later that year I was to pose for a sister picture of this, "Freedom from Want."

Shortly after this I had a steady position working at the Rockwell residence. There I spent the rest of my summer vacation taking his three little sons swimming and mowing their baseball field. All too soon the vacation was over, and we went back to schoolbooks.

Then came the great moment for me and every other neighbor in Arlington. It was the day before Thanksgiving, when Mr. Rockwell came to my house and asked if I would pose for a picture for him. Would I? Well, anybody in the whole town or state would, without asking the type of picture or the salary he would receive. The following day my sister and I went to the studio, only to find we were to pose separately. (My sister is the little girl behind me in "Freedom from Want.") Even after modeling I didn't know what a famous set of pictures we had posed for.

Then the first reproductions of the "Four Freedoms" pictures were printed by the *Saturday Evening Post*. The mod-

Celebrities ★★

Painted by Norman Rockwell for the Saturday Evening Post

Freedom from Want

els of this group of pictures now realized the wonderful experience they had been part of. We were photographed for the Paramount News; we enjoyed excellent dinners, and attended some shows.

Last year after school was out, six of the original models who were all Vermonters, were chosen to go on a "Four Freedom Bond Tour" sponsored by the War Department. Luckily, I was one who went on this tour when we made an appearance in the city of Boston. There the show exceeded by far the quota set for it. Posing for one of the Four Freedoms pictures is indeed an experience I shall never forget.

William Hoisington, '45

KATHARINE CORNELL

This summer, after much searching, I was lucky enough to meet the first lady of the American Theater, Miss Katharine Cornell. When I arrived at her English Farmhouse, her dogs (all six of them) started barking, and her Great Dane bounced down the path to meet me, while the five dachshunds just stood barking on the porch. When Miss Cornell came out to find out what the commotion was, we introduced ourselves. We spoke of the island, and she asked me from what part of Massachusetts I had come. She apologized for her appearance, for she had been making butter. She was very courteous, not seeming to be annoyed with the intrusion of tourists, but rather she apologized that her home was so far from the road. Very modestly, she did not mention the theater. She is rather tall and dark, with large eyes. She is not beautiful; however she does have a commanding appearance, and she would be recognized from her photographs. I shall not forget meeting this one person.

Walter Haggerty, '46

IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH

Mary Britton Miller

This book takes place in Springfield, Massachusetts, around the eighteen nineties when the town had a gay social life and everyone flocked to the Court Square Theatre to see such celebrities as Joseph Jefferson in "Rip Van Winkle." The main characters are the "terrible twins," who, along with their brothers and sister, live in a house on Maple Street. They cause endless trouble throughout the book. When they are sent to a dame school, they practically wreck the school. This book is humorous and enjoyable reading.

Carol Knight, '47

Christmas Night, 1943

The snow falls softly, silently, all around,
Forming frail and grotesque patterns on the crusted ground.
While in the heavens, all the stars in tiny clusters, glisten,
And the moon, rocked by the north wind, pauses now to listen.

All through the land the sleighbells sweet burst out in song so gay
And every note the distant hills resound till dawn of day.
The tall, dark pines are swaying to the wind's mighty will,
As it moves, an invisible spirit, along the blue crest of the hill.

The scene enchants the wanderer; he gazes in delight
Upon the wordless wonder of this magic Christmas night.
He looks upon the meadows, moon-drenched and rolling far,
And dreams of long passed Christmas nights this war can never mar.

Virginia M. Fieldstad, '44

A LETTER TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
This year my wish is not to see,
A gaily tinseled Christmas tree,
But to have everyone kneel in solemn prayer,
To pray for the boys who are over there.

They are giving their lives this very day,
So they can make this country stay
Free from the horror of screaming bombs
That could destroy the land we're living on.

So, dear Santa, protect them all
Until all of our enemy fall.
When they come marching home, we'll see,
Christmas will be as it used to be.

When they come home, they won't have to fight,
On Christmas Eve or any other night;
They'll enjoy Christmas too,
Just as we other folks do.

So, dear Santa, we kneel in solemn prayer,
To pray for the boys who are over there.

Gladys Johnson, '46

AMERICA

A land of wealth and power,
A land of peace and joy,
With happiness in each hour,
For every girl and boy.

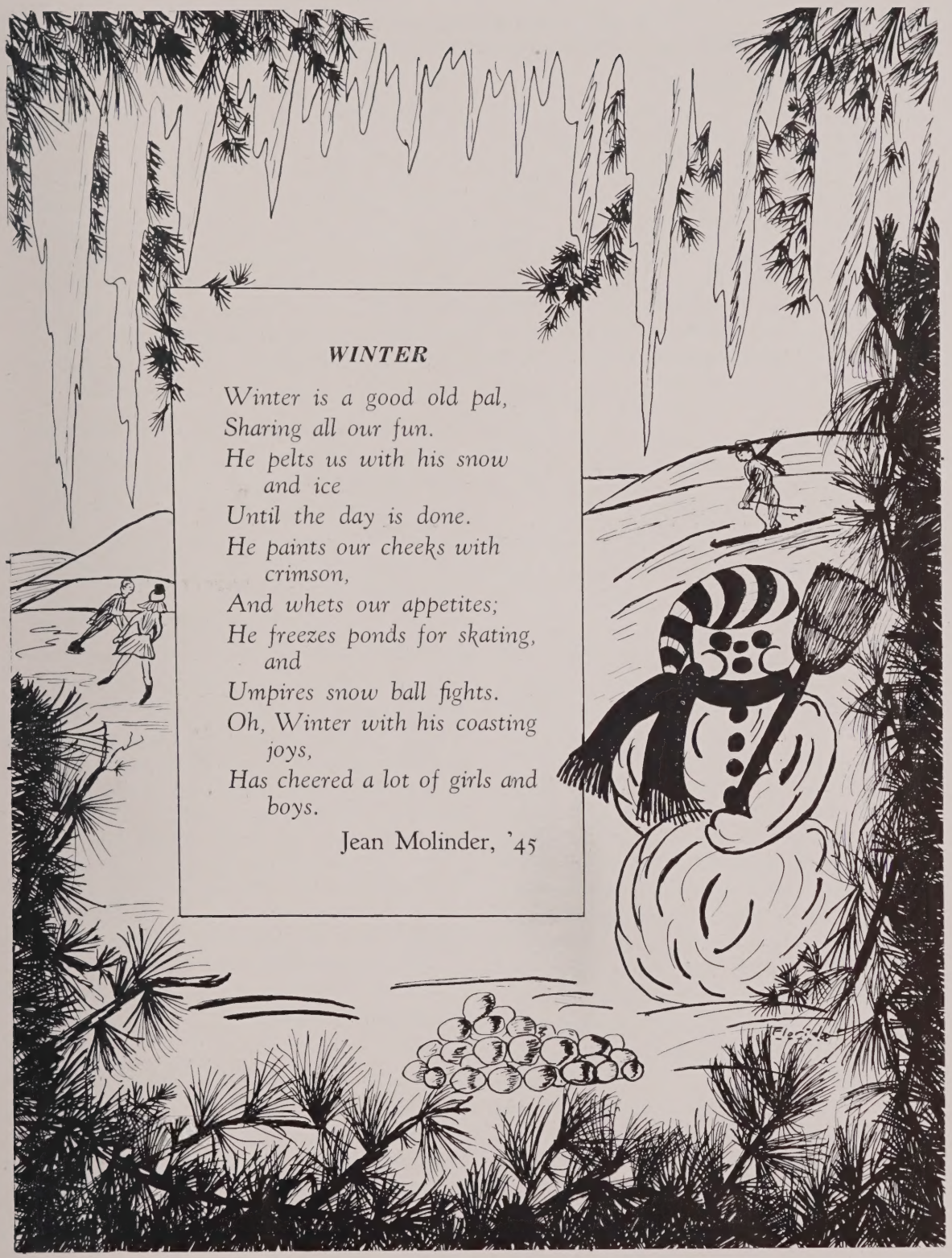
A land where the skies are bluest,
Like each shimmering lake and stream,
A flag who's colors are truest,
A land of which foreigners dream.

Today great wars are raging,
They threaten our land, so dear,
And for each battle they're staging,
We must buy War Bonds over here.

So lend Uncle Sam your money,
To help bring the victory near,
Buy a share in a future life sunny,
In a world that is free from fear.

Ramona Davis, '47

Buy War Bonds for Christmas — the present with a future.



WINTER

Winter is a good old pal,
Sharing all our fun.
He pelts us with his snow
and ice
Until the day is done.
He paints our cheeks with
crimson,
And whets our appetites;
He freezes ponds for skating,
and
Umpires snow ball fights.
Oh, Winter with his coasting
joys,
Has cheered a lot of girls and
boys.

Jean Molinder, '45

For Mother

THE RAFT *Robert Trumbull*

This story is about three men who survived a thirty-four day ordeal on a raft. Their suffering and hardships were worse than most people could imagine.

Catherine Shaylor, '46

WUTHERING HEIGHTS *Emily Brontee*

The weird occurrences interwoven with the series of mysterious events at Wuthering Heights make this a book worth reading.

Amy Lango, '45

SO LITTLE TIME *John P. Marquand*

It is one of the finest examples of contemporary literature. Mr. Marquand has a very realistic style. In this book he portrays a year in the life of Jeffery Wilson. The book is full of characters that are so realistic that they remind one of people one knows.

Louise Arsenault, '46

WE TOOK TO THE WOODS *Louise D. Rich*

This book tells the story of Louise Rich, her husband, and her sons after they left the city and "Took To The Woods." Throughout the whole story there is adventure, humor, and thrills of her family and her friends living in the midst of the Maine woods. Mrs. Rich agrees her children haven't led a life like that of most children, but she does know that the boys will grow up having something they will be willing to fight for if necessary, because they will really love their country.

Ann Keeley, '46

GRANDMA CALLED IT CARNAL *Bertha Damon*

Grandma is more than amusing or odd or even striking; she is a figure of significance in the pattern of American life. She deserves a wide circle of acquaintances.

June Schwartz, '45

Books for the Family

For Kid Sister

ALICE OF OLD VINCENNES *Maurice Thompson*

It is an historical novel describing Colonel George Rogers Clark's conquests. Throughout the tale the author weaves the story of Alice Tarleton's love for a young rebel officer.

Meredythe Barker, '45

PEGGY COVERS THE NEWS *Emma Bugbee*

I believe that anyone who is interested in journalism would especially enjoy this book. It is the story of a girl still in college, who covers the college news for the local paper. She found it hard work, but interesting and exciting.

Rita Gallagher, '45

SEVENTEENTH SUMMER *Moureen Daly*

I think this book will appeal to all high school students, but especially to girls. The story deals with a teen-age girl, her family, and her friends. It's a beautifully written love story with deep understanding of high school age. It is written by a girl who has just entered college and knows about teen-age doings.

Jean Demarais, '45

THEY WENT ON TOGETHER *Robert Nathan*

A simply written story of disaster and young love that will jolt overconfident Americans out of their rut of complacency toward the war.

Beatrice Stratton, '44

ARMY BRAT *Tommy Waldeton*

This is a humorous and fast moving autobiography of little Jim Tucker's life in an army camp with his father and a faithful Chinese servant.

Doris A. Gavoni, '45

Christmas Tree

For Brother

PRIDE OF THE YANKEES *Paul Gallico*

This is a story that will be an inspiration to all Americans, both young and old. It not only pertains to baseball, but to character as well. Lou Gehrig was a magnificent sportsman and baseball player who rose from obscurity to success.

Leonard Johnson, '47

SEE HERE PRIVATE HARGROOVE *Private Hargroove*

An amusing, simply written story of life in the army as told by a Private. His trying experiences and difficult situations are most amusing.

Betty Magiera, '45

THIRTY SECONDS OVER TOKYO *Capt. Ted W. Lawson*

This book tells much about the careful planning which preceded the raid on Tokyo and also of the courageous Chinese. It is ideal for that fellow who dreams of flying some day.

Donald Leger, '46

I WANTED WINGS *Ira Wolfert*

This is the story of a typical youth attempting to enter the flying branch of the armed service. The step-by-step training from basic to the last phase is clearly recorded.

Kenneth Langdon, '46

TORPEDO 8 *Ira Wolfert*

Flying from the embattled islands of the Pacific, the men and planes from Torpedo 8 do their share of destruction on Tojo's pride, the depleted Jap Navy. This is a true story that will arouse suspense and excitement.

Frank Jones, '45

For Dad

DYNAMITE CARGO *Fred Harmon*

"Dynamite Cargo" is the story of a Merchant Mariner who was aboard one of the many Liberty ships headed for Murmansk, Russia. He gathered the ideas for his story from a diary which he always kept on his person. Even when his ship was torpedoed, he concealed the book in his rubber suit. In it he tells of the heroism of Russian women who act as stevadores and even sail for the Russian Navy.

John Perry, '46

UNDER COVER *John Ray Carlson*

It is a brilliant exposé of subversive activities in America, written by a second generation Armenian. The author endangers his own life to gain actual facts to present to the American people regarding Hitler's work in this country. This book startled me into realizing how unconscious we are of the Nazi activities in our land. Ralph Barker, '44

VICTORY THROUGH AIR POWER *Major Sikorsky*

The author, who is also the inventor of the first practical helicopter, explains the use and possibilities of airplanes in the present and in the future. This book is presented in an understandable manner gained from his observations and experiences, flying and building combat and transport planes. Ralph Barker, '44

GUADALCANAL DIARY *Richard Tregaskis*

It is an everyday account of the horrible, bloody battle that took place between the American and Japanese troops at Guadalcanal. I recommend this book to every person who likes adventure and excitement and above all, to those who want to learn what our boys are doing to keep America free. Rose Velata, '44

PETER

I first met Peter on a sunny fall afternoon when the plaintive voice of a little red puppy demanded my attention. As soon as I could escape from his sloppy embraces and clumsy pawing, I went into the house to see who had brought him for a visit, but my sister informed me that the young setter was a present from one of her more ardent suitors. Solomon-Levi was added to Peter's original name, Peter Brown, because his lip persisted in catching on his teeth, giving him the appearance of a smirking, worldly-wise old man. Nilson, the name of his donor, was tacked on for good measure, and Pete became Peter Solomon-Levi Brown Nilson!

Pathetic in his love for our frigidly polite, non-cooperative cat, Peter was heartbroken when he was barred from the front room by the same rule which allowed Tiger to perform his daily ablutions in the depths of the easy chair. Stationing himself in the doorway, Peter would cry mournfully whenever Tiger crossed the threshold into "no dog's land," until the family finally decided that it was better for the dog to be allowed into the forbidden territory than to have him howling intermittently. From that time forth, Pete's idea of ecstasy was to leap into an unsuspecting lap and hunch himself into what he thought was a small bundle of dog, but the same effect might have been produced by sharing your chair with a half-grown cow.

Despite the fact that he consumed, without bothering to chew, an endless variety of special dog foods, the red-headed glutton was always hungry. The sight of an apple made his mouth water, and he would eat Tiger's food if the cat didn't get there first, but his great weakness was butter. To run his tongue over the lucious yellow mound, he had only to lift his head up to the level of the table. Even before rationing, butter was not to be wasted, so to cure the scavenger once and for all, we sprinkled some red pepper on a pat of butter and left it where the dog could get it easily. A sniff informed the sorry animal that all was not as it should be, and a taste of the red torture sent him scooting out of the room, snorting and muttering to himself. Never again was our butter grooved with tongue marks.

Peter was born to be a hunter, and my sister and the young man who had married her "to get my dog back," saw that he was being wasted as a household pet, and gave him to a boy who promised to train Pete and give him a good time. He's miles away now, but whenever I see a slim red dog trotting down the street, I think of the other flop-eared, mournful-eyed setter I once knew.

Beatrice Stratton, '44

VACATION?

"Gone are the days" when we could spend the summer loafing around, getting a tan. This is war and every conscientious American likes to feel that he's doing something to help. We used to think we'd work just to be patriotic, but it's really fun, and you can still get a tan! That is, if you choose the type of summer work that I did. Soon after school closed, there was a request for help picking strawberries. Along with many others I heeded the call and learned the "art" of berry picking. After the strawberry season was over, there came raspberry time, and in turn there were beans, tomatoes, and corn to be picked. In between there were always weeding and hoeing. The work wasn't really hard. Besides, I'm practically a full-fledged farmerette!

Louise Arsenault, '46

SCHOOL LIFE

FRESHMAN FLASHES

Class Officers

The freshmen have elected the following people to hold office for their first year in senior high: President, Jack McQuesten; Vice-President, Rita Dumond; Secretary, Lucille Johnson; Treasurer, Frank Dean. Freshman representatives on the Student Council are Rita Dumond, Clifford Kibbe, and Phyllis Reed.

Freshman Items

Four freshman boys, Jack McQuesten, Roy Webler, Duane Patch, and Billy Powell are trying to fill the quota of model airplanes which the government has set for our school.

Cecilia Ramah canned approximately 850 jars of fruits and vegetables grown in her own garden.

Rose Gibbs celebrated her fourteenth birthday at a formal party which was held at the Captain Leonard House on October 19 with 65 guests being present. Music was furnished by Les Gibbs and his band.

Vocational Arts Course News

This year there are only four girls in the Home Vocational Arts Course, but already they have canned tomatoes, tomato juice, ketchup, ring tomato pickle, tomato relish, lima beans, grape jelly, and quince and apple jelly. Just now they are making pinafores in sewing class and are undertaking a project of covering chairs, making shoebags, and other furnishing for a bedroom and closet.

SOPHOMORE SCOOP

Student Council Members

This year, the sophomores wearing the armbands of the Student Council are Patricia Bodurtha, Room 24; Joseph Tangocci, Room 25; and Bernard Keeley, Room 12.

Interest in Dramatics

The membership list of the Agawam Masque shows that a large percentage of its members are Sophomores. At the next Masque production, take notice how well this class is represented.

Class Officers

When the final ballots were counted for the Sophomore class officers last September, Robert Backstrom was elected President; Ellen Letendre, Vice-President; Ann Keeley, Secretary; and Raoul Sands, Treasurer. The Sophomore class will certainly go places under this fine leadership.

Our Boys in Football

The Sophomore class is very proud of the fact that Bernard Keeley and Robert Backstrom, two Sophomores, are on the first string team in football. Other Sophomores in football are Stewart Safford, Edward Borgatti, Thomas Aitchison, Edward Green, and James Fenn.

Our Favorite Hobby

A recent check-up shows that the hobby foremost in popularity in the Sophomore class is stamp collecting. Their motto is "If you can't buy War Bonds, buy War Stamps," and they hope that many people besides them have the same hobby.

JUNIOR JOURNAL

Officers

The Junior Class has elected the following officers: Ronald Heywood, President; Amy Lango, Vice-President; Elizabeth Magiera, Secretary; and William Harrigan, Treasurer.

Student Council Members

David Cornfoot, Fern Dearnley, Ronald Heywood, Lillian Itzkowitz, John Keane, Amy Lango, Elizabeth Magiera, Richard Napolitan, and Harry Richards represent the Junior Class on Student Council.

Junior Notes

Much credit is due to the committees which worked so faithfully to make the Mardi Gras Cabaret on December 3 a success. Edward Gallerani was general chairman.

A social committee consisting of Loren Clark, chairman, Virginia Clark, Eleanor Ezekiel, Francis Erhardt, Jane Gravel, and Edward Gallerini has been elected to appoint other committees for the social events held throughout the year.

On October 15, the Bookkeeping Class with Miss Trowbridge went on a field trip to the United States Post Office in Springfield. They were shown how mail and packages were handled. One of the interesting features noticed was the secret passage-way through the middle of the sorting room where government officials kept constant look-out for mishandling of mail.

Harry Richards worked as an inspector at the Armory this summer.

Doris Losito was a boss on Porter's Vegetable Farm.

Bob Washburn is a lone boy in the Bookkeeping II Class.

Guido Tessicini is the only member of the Junior class to be in the service.

Alice Whitehead worked as an inspector at Milton Bradley this summer.

Tom Rice spent his summer working at Atwater's Nursery learning how to transplant and care for trees and shrubs.

Nancy Hamilton spent a week viewing New York.

Jean Molinder became quite the grocery clerk this summer at The First National.

Fern Dearnley went to Virginia for a week.

Robert McCann worked on the assembly at Wico Electric.

Mary Jane Earle got her nice tan while serving as counselor at a summer camp.

Bill Hoisington's never ending supply of gum still baffles his friends.

EX '44 SERVICE MEN

Lewis Jones — Temporarily stationed at Chelsea, Massachusetts; Navy

Peter Cebrelli — Washington D. C.; Navy

Francis Hart — Radio School, Pennsylvania; Navy

Joe Bassani — Gunnery school in Florida, parts unknown; Marines

Ralph Battaro — Brazil; Navy

Charles Cartello — Manhattan Beach; Coast Guard

Leslie Linnehan — Beginning Paratroop training in South Carolina; Paratroopers

Elmer Johnson — Navy

William Neill — Army

The Junior High students have filled 18 Red Cross Boxes with small articles such as combs and soap. These gifts will go to boys and girls in wartorn Europe.

SENIOR SESSION

Officers

The Senior Class officers for the year are as follows: Frank Caroleo, president; Evelyn Giordano, vice-president; Mary Manos, secretary; and Richard Langdon, treasurer.

Council Members

Student Council members from the Senior Class are Frank Caroleo, Eleanor Castellini, Felix DePalma, Henry Fortier, Richard Langdon, Betty LaViolette, Eugene Magiera, Marjorie Raffinetti, Alice Steele, and Beatrice Stratton.

Senior Notes

It was decided to have caps and gowns for graduation. Those serving on the committee for caps and gowns are Jean Blackburn, Lois Fournier, Beatrice Stratton, and Raymond Trabold.

A photography committee was chosen to act as representatives of the class. This committee consists of Shirley Hare, Alice Steele, John Duplessis, Richard Langdon.

Those acting on the class motto committee are Jean Webster, Hazel Wilcox, and William Fusco.

Competition for class song and class poem closed November 30.

Richard Langdon likes airplanes to such an extent that he has spent much of his time constructing 30 model airplanes. We'll see him soon in the Army Air Corps.

Lois Fournier has a map hung on her bedroom wall where she follows the routes of her friends in the service.

Eleanor Castellini has 200 popular records in her possession.

Barbara Cornell, an enterprising member of 4-H club work, won a $50 war bond for demonstrating her cooking this summer.

JUNIOR HIGH HEADLINES

A new seventh grade club under the direction of Miss Parsons meets during one activity period each week to have plays, stories, recreation or whatever they desire. The officers are: James Fenton, president; Barbara Fusco, vice-president; Irene Hackett, secretary; Nickolas Depalo, treasurer; Ronald Trevallion, programs; Arline Babcock, recreation; Norman Gottsche, assignments; Theresa Paro, librarian; and Hilda Caron, housekeeper.

Alice Fazio lives on a farm where she has several unusual animals consisting of one hundred fifty platinum and silver foxes, two heifers, four geese, three steers, three hundred pigs, three hunting dogs, one poodle dog, one angora cat, and two horses.

Have you all noticed that the junior high traffic officers this year are girls? At the close of each period the girls are stationed in the corridors and maintain order while classes are being changed.

The people of Miss Phelps' room are having a campaign to see who can write the best newspaper. One paper is called *The Classroom News* with Richard Daglio as Editor and a staff consisting of Raymond Davis, Harold Burnette, Marshall Keyes and Deane Andrews. The other paper is called *The Junior News Magazine* with Robert Maise as the editor and a staff consisting of George Roberts, Dorothy Cartello, Janice Anderson, and Paul Brisette.

Barbara Mutti is a lifeguard at the Y. M. C. A. this winter.

Virginia Anderson and Jean Fusini won prizes in 4-H canning work this summer.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT NOTES

The Agricultural Department started the year with a healthy increase in enrollment and with two-thirds of the members from farm homes. Throughout the fall, all were busy on local farms.

State-wide judging contests are out for the duration, but a special contest was conducted at the Northampton Fair with valuable cash prizes and ribbons offered. Agawam boys participated in vegetable judging and in livestock judging. The vegetable judging team, consisting of Frank Morris, Donald Campbell, and George Porter placed second with Frank Morris only two points below the highest score. The livestock judging team consisting of Sumner Schwartz, Malcolm Fuller and William Kaskeski met strong competition with over a hundred boys participating. While this team failed to place, several perfect scores were made.

In spite of the fact that members of the classes have been very busy with their own farm work, many successful field trips and demonstrations on sampling and testing soils, have been conducted. On September 21, the whole day was devoted to vaccinating poultry. The younger boys conducted the simple vaccination for fowl-pox, while the others did a fine job of vaccinating against laryngotracheitis.

Plans are being made for a special course in farm mechanics for older boys, and the usual farm-shop course for Freshmen will start soon.

Miss Perry hopes to give *Martha* this year after Christmas. She's looking for a great deal of talent, so let's all work together for the success of this performance.

Student Council

This year the Student Council officers are Eugene Magiera, President; Fern Dearnley, Vice-President; Marjorie Raffinetti, Secretary; and David Cornfoot, Treasurer. Reports of the meetings are to be given in assembly this year, rather than having representatives give them in each home-room.

As usual, the Student Council is undertaking the task of selling War Bonds and Stamps. Each class has its own day to buy Stamps and Bonds, and a great rivalry exists as to which class will buy the greatest number.

SEVENTH GRADE ROLL CALL

We have French but no German
We have Rivers but no lakes
We have White but no black
We have Long but no short
We have Austen but no buick
We have Carr but no gas
We have Green but no red
We have Jenks but no Jerks!
We have Minor but no major
We have Binns but no coal
We have Burnett but no blonde
We have Knight but no day
We have Page but no words
We have Carpenter but no plumber
We have Fuller but no brush
We have 2 Saints but no gremlins

Teachers

We have Powers and no weakness
We have Parsons and no church

Louis Housman, '49

On November 12 several girls from the high school chorus attended the presentation of *Faust* in Springfield.

CLUB NEWS

Personality Club

On September 20, the following people were elected officers of the Personality Club: President, Donald Catchepaugh; Vice-President, Elizabeth Magiera; Secretary, Fern Dearnley; and Treasurer, Eugene Magiera. On November 5, the annual Sadie Hawkins Dance was held with modern and square dancing. Miss Dickerman is the faculty adviser.

Dramatic Club

The Agawam Masque began another year in dramatics on Tuesday, September 28. Besides the annual performance of the Christmas Play, several dramatic presentations are anticipated. The Dramatic Club also had charge of all the colorful programs sold at our football games this year. Officers for this year are Alice Steele, President; Elizabeth Magiera, Vice-President; Florida Tangocci, Secretary; and Mary McQuesten, Treasurer. Mrs. Nardi is the new faculty adviser.

Tri-Hi

Tri-Hi held its first meeting on September 16. Officers for this year are Beatrice Stratton, President; Jean Blackburn, Vice-President; Marjorie Helfrich, Treasurer; and Mary Manos, Secretary. The girls have enjoyed many pleasant meetings among which were a meeting on becoming well-groomed with Miss Miller, the faculty adviser, as speaker; a mock prom on October 28, with girls serving as boys, and the annual Tri-Hi Fall Party held in November.

Hi-Y

Hi-Y elected the following people to hold office, Wednesday night, September 22 at the Y. M. C. A.: Henry Fortier, President; Raymond Trabold, Vice-President; Frank Caroleo, Secretary; Richard Napolitan, Treasurer. Meetings are held twice a month, alternately at the Y. M. C. A. and the High School. Miss Phelps is the faculty adviser.

International Relations Club

International Relations Club held its first meeting on October 13, when the following officers were elected: Irving Richmond, President; Joseph Tangocci, Secretary; and Clarence Tourville, Treasurer. Throughout the year they will discuss world events and problems and have guest speakers. Miss Ward is their faculty adviser.

A PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION

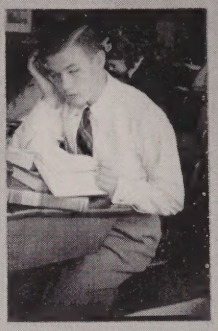
The 4-H Club is one of the many organizations which enables young boys and girls to develop into intelligent and useful citizens. This work is established in communities all over the country, each separate club being under the direction of a leader. The many rewards such as developing self-reliance, ambition, and aggressiveness have influenced many older boys and girls in and around Agawam to organize such clubs.

Among the newly organized projects in Agawam have been the Canning Club, Sewing, Poultry and Garden Club.

Each member is expected to do the best of his ability. New ideas are learned as the members come in contact with the study of their topics. At the end of the season, records are made of the work accomplished, and special recognition and prizes are awarded to outstanding members.

The interests of the 4-H work members are bound together by enduring friendship with other young people. Its work develops rural leadership, community pride, and above all, it brings parents and children increasingly together in a common interest. Betty Magiera, '45

Hotlips



What a night!

Don't you dare!

Did you say Shakespeare?

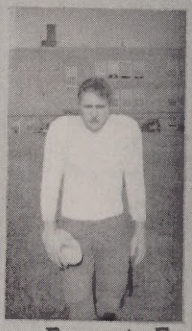
Mrs. Nardi

Lubitsch - Selznick - Goldwyn - Capra

Door Belles

Hey! Cut out t'rowing 'dem rocks.

Aqawam beats Northbridge



Ernest Ernie

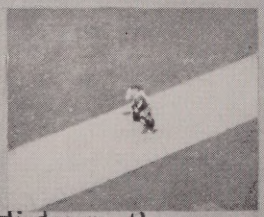
Respite from class

Wake up Evelyn!

Serious Seniors

Gee Whiz!

Is it sharp?



Hi, down there

Get it Marge

Off the gridiron

FOOTBALL AND LIFE

Football has been one of the best teachers in my school career. It has taught me that to succeed, one has to take orders, to be co-operative, and to have self-control.

One of the first things a player learns is that there can be only one quarterback on the team. If two or three fellows try to call signals, there is bound to be confusion which may indirectly lead to the loss of the game.

Every player must fulfill his assignment on all plays in order for their success. If at any time a player misses a blocking assignment, the play can not be successfully carried out.

Another lesson taught and one just as vital as any of the rest is self control. During a game, "when the going is tough," and an opposing player disregards the rules, I may feel like giving him a "punch in the nose." But that is unethical, so I try to control myself and forget about it.

If a player doesn't get anything else out of football, he will at least be able to work with others and to possess self-control. That lesson is one of the most valuable in life.

Jerry Cassidy, '44

FOOTBALL

The 1943 Agawam football team had a highly successful season. Opening their schedule with a defeat, Agawam went on to become one of the top teams in Western Massachusetts.

The stars were Phil DePalma, Captain, and Carlo Lovotti, the two players who did most of the scoring. John Shibly shows that he may be another Frank Grasso with his defensive work.

Keeley, Dorr, Richard, Scoville, Zerbotto, Cassidy and Brown all contributed to our numerous victories by their splendid work.

Jim Dorr, who was out during the first part of the season because of a sore ankle, came back to play in the last three games.

The schedule was as follows:

		AGA.	OPP.
Sept. 22	— Middletown (Postponed)		
Oct. 2	— New Britain (Away)	0	24
Oct. 9	— Northbridge (Home)	25	0
Oct. 15	— Holyoke (Home)	12	6
Oct. 22	— Cathedral (Home)	0	44
Oct. 30	— W. Springfield (Home)	7	7
Nov. 11	— Turners Falls (Away)	0	19

William Harrigan, '45

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

December 10, Friday
Easthampton at Agawam
December 17, Friday
Enfield at Agawam
January 4, Tuesday
Agawam at Palmer
January 7, Friday
Monson at Agawam
*January 11, Tuesday
Agawam at Ludlow
January 14, Friday
Ware at Agawam
January 18, Tuesday
Agawam at West Springfield
January 21, Friday
Agawam at Monson
January 25, Tuesday
Ludlow at Agawam
January 28, Friday
Agawam at Easthampton
February 1, Tuesday
West Springfield at Agawam
February 4, Friday
Agawam at Ware
February 11, Friday
Agawam at Enfield

* Afternoon Game

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BASKETBALL?

1. What is a field goal?
2. What is a personal foul that does not involve personal contact?
3. What is a juggle?
4. What is a feint?
5. Do you get two free shots for a personal foul or for a technical foul if the foul is committed on a person shooting for a basket?
6. How many fouls must a player commit to be put out of the game?
7. What is the alley on a basketball court?
8. What is the difference between a foul and a violation?

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MEMBERS OF FOOTBALL TEAM OF 1942-43 IN THE SERVICE

Ends:

Harmon Smith, Jr.	Army Air Corps Cedar City, Utah
William Neill	Going to school in Cincinnati, with Army Air Corps
Leslie Linnehan	With the Army Paratroops

Tackles:

Charles Cartello	Stationed in New York with the Coast Guard
William Pohner	In the Army Air Corps
Robert McPhail	In the Navy

Guard:

William Shibley	Home on furlough recently. He is in the Army.

Centers:

Julian Magiera	Going to school in Ohio with Army Air Corps
Ralph Webster	In the Navy

Backfields:

Frank Grasso	Stationed at Miami Beach with Army Air Corps
Ralph Heywood	Going to school at Mass. State College with Army Air Corps
Ralph Battaro	In the Navy somewhere at sea
Charles Hackett	Formerly stationed in California, now at an advanced base

LEARNING TO SKATE

It's easy to learn if you follow the rule.
As you try to skate, keep calm and cool.
A pillow will serve as a means of protection
If you happen to fall in the wrong direction.

Doris Isham, '46

"I" still need YOUR HELP
ALLIED
VICT
TOKYO
U.T. McQuester

GIRLS' SPORTS

Many girls from all the classes are participating in after-school sports this year. There are twenty freshmen, twenty sophomores, twelve juniors, and eleven seniors. The purpose of going out for sports is (1) to keep physically fit, (2) to attain good sportsmanship through competitive games, and (3) to have a good time through fellowship.

The girls are divided into class teams according to their class year in school. These teams compete amongst themselves in field hockey, basketball, volley ball, and softball. Numerals are awarded to the class teams who win in one of the four sports. The girls also are divided into service teams. Captains are as follows:

Army — Barbara Hartley
Navy — Beatrice Stratton
Marines — Marjorie Helfrich

The honorary teams consist of the best players in each sport.

Requirements for the Agawam "A" are: (1) Must earn 25 points in 1 year; (2) Must be an all around good sport at all times. (3) Must earn at least one point in each activity.

Points

Class Points:
3 for first team
2 for sub on first
1 for attendance at practice but not making team

Service Teams:
3 for first team
3 for second team
1 for attendance at practice but not making team

Honorary School Teams:
10 for first team
7 for sub on first
5 for second team
3 for sub on second

(4) Not more than twelve points will be accepted for each sport. (5) Sportsmanship and neatness will count one point. (6) Activities are field hockey, basketball, volley ball, and soft ball.

Last year the class of '47, in their freshman year, won their numerals in baseball. The juniors, as yet, have not won their numerals, but hope to win them in one of the remaining three sports. Luck is with the seniors! They have won numerals for volley ball in their sophomore year and have also won numerals this year in hockey.

Let's do our best, girls, to make this the most exciting year in sports.

Meredythe Barker, '45

FOOTBALL IN JUNIOR HIGH

The following boys were elected football captains of the eighth grade: Roger Heywood, Room 4; Charles Hare, Room 3; Ralph Tortoriello, Room 2; and John Cassidy, Room 1.

The two rooms in the playoffs for the Junior High School football championship were Rooms 1 and 4. There was a great struggle for the cup. Heywood is known for being an outstanding passer and kicker, and with the help of DeForge and Coughlin as blockers, Room 4 gave Room 1 real opposition. As for Room 1, Cassidy was the star passer and with the help of Donald Demarais and Baldarelli as blockers they had an exceptionally good team.

Russell Demarais, '48

BASKETBALL

The coming Basketball season of 1943-'44 should be a good one. Even though most of last year's first players graduated, the team will still be strong.

WHAT WE THINK OF

Frank Sinatra

Evelyn Giordano, '44 — Oh'h Bing!

Kenny Langdon, '46 — A voice only a mother could love.

Ann Keeley, '46 — He's tops!

Ralph Barker, '44 — He sounds as if he's going to die on every note.

Edith Ezekiel, '47 — He's heaven!

Robert Stephens, '47 — I don't like his singing.

Betty Taylor, '47 — He moans too much.

Billy Hoisington, '45 — If he can sing, I've got a chance.

Amy Lango, '45 — He's smooth, solid, and swell!

Frank Caroleo, '44 — One of the golden-voiced specimens that makes the most of his unique style.

Fern Dearnley, '45 — Take away his voice and what have you? — nothing.

Roy Webber, '47 — I don't like him because he doesn't keep time to the music.

Beatrice Stratton, '44 — I liked him when he was with Tommy Dorsey, but not now!

Frank Jones, '45 — I think he's the best in the country, and every time I hear him sing I just swoon and swoon.

Betty Magiera, '45 — Give me Crosby anyday!

Tom Rice, '45 — He's nice looking, but he can't sing as well as Bing Crosby.

Josephine Reseigna, '47 — I don't like the songs he sings.

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"Dutch Treats"

Gloria Aldrich, '44 — You would be able to have twice as many good times.

George Gillan, '47 — I think girls should pay their own way because most of them are working and have their own money.

Shirley Balboni, '45 — It's O. K. if you know the boy.

Eugene Magiera, '44 — For my part, I would rather pay for all, rather than have the girl pay half.

Doris Tourville, '47 — I think it's fair, especially if the boy isn't working.

Bill Harrigan, '45 — They're wonderful. It saves me money.

Margaret Smith, '44 — I think a girl should be willing to pay her own fare at any time.

Alfred Woishnis, '47 — I think when a fellow takes a girl out he should pay because HE takes HER out.

Lillian Itskowitz, '45 — They're all right once in a while, but don't make a habit of it.

Henry Dickinson, '46 — It's a pretty good idea.

Raoul Sands, '46 — It's all right when a boy is temporarily out of funds.

George Casiello, '45 — In war times it is a good idea, because girls are working too.

Joyce Fell, '44 — I think "Dutch Dates" are loads of fun.

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Frank Sinatra

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Donald Neil, '45 — I don't like the way the girls go crazy over him.

Marjorie Helfrich, '44 — He's passé. Give me Dick Haynes.

Dave Cornfoot, '45 — What has he got that I haven't got, that makes the girls swoon?

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O — Oh!.....That West-Side Game!
P — Pro Merito....Goal of every student
Q — Questions.....If we only knew the answers!
R — Roller skating....Our favorite hobby
S — Sinatra.....Oh-h Frankie!
T — Touchdown.....Watch our boys!
U — Uncle Sam.....Our favorite uncle
V — Victory.....Over West-Side
W — Wishes.....Have you any?
X — Xmas..... Dear Santa!
Y — "Y".....What dances!
Z — Zombie.....What you are not!

Ray Trabold in assembly, "Come on, girls, scream in this cheer."

Kenny Oliver, "Who does he think he is, Sinatra?"

"Dutch Treats"

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Bill Hoisington, '45 — Very embarrassing for the boy.

John Perry, '46 — Why don't they do it more often?

Robert Wills, '47 — We should pay the girl's way because we have more money.

Margaret Craigie, '44 — They are only appropriate at certain times and with certain individuals.

Tom Rice, '45 — In certain cases they're all right; for instance, "The Sadie Hawkins's Dance."

Joseph Tangocci, '46 — It's okay once in a while.

Jean Blackburn, '44 — "Dutch Dates" are fine, occasionally, for informal dates, but certainly they are taboo concerning formal dates.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BASKETBALL?

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Answers

1. Any goal shot from the field of play.
2. Blocking.
3. Tossing the ball over the opponents' head and running and catching it yourself.
4. Starting to throw the ball one way and throwing it another.
5. Two free shots for both.
6. 5 technical fouls, 4 personal fouls, combination of both.
7. It is another name for the free throw lane.
8. The difference is in the penalty:
   For a foul — free throws
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Meredythe Barker, '45

Girl: "My, I feel as if I were dancing in space."

Boy: "Get off my feet and you won't."

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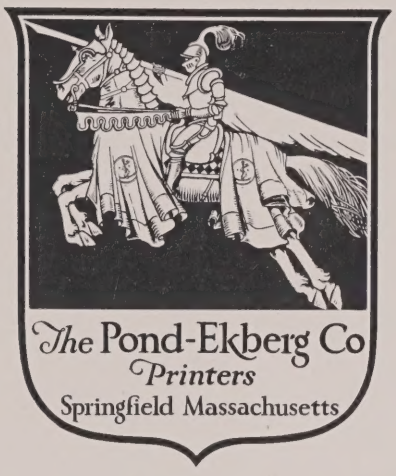

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